



CITY OF CARMEL

JAMES BRAINARD, MAYOR

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Dear Teachers:

I invite and encourage your students to participate in the 2009 City of Carmel's Veterans Day poster/essay contest. I believe that it will be a valuable learning experience for them and will enhance their understanding of the important role veterans have played in the preservation of our great nation.

We are having an essay contest for students at the middle and senior high levels, and a poster contest for those in the elementary grades. The theme for both contests is **"Courage, Sacrifice and Duty."** Please be sure to remind your students that they should focus on our veterans in addressing this theme. Keep in mind only **ONE** finalist must be chosen by the teacher from each class, team, or grade to be submitted for the contest.

The winners from each contest will be recognized at our Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 10th at noon at the Steven Coutts Fire Headquarters at Civic Square.

Contest guidelines and information are attached. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to call Melanie Lentz at 571-2474 or e-mail her at mlentz@carmel.in.gov.

Very truly yours,



Jim Brainard
Mayor

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